

## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 5-9 and 11-12 are pending and under consideration.

### *Rejection of claims 7-9, 11 and 12 over Clark in view of Coleman or Kim*

The rejection is respectfully traversed. The Examiner admits that Clark does not teach the claimed upper heater sloped downward. Instead, the Examiner relies upon Coleman or Kim.

Coleman does not teach a downward slope. Fig. 1 of Coleman illustrates the heating element 6. However, Fig. 6 is a top view, and therefore a downward slope cannot be detected from this perspective, and the curve of the element 6 cannot be construed as being a downward slope.

With respect to Kim, the Examiner's combination is not proper, because there would have been no motivation to combine this reference with Clark. Clark teaches improved electric heating elements attached to the top and bottom surfaces of radiator panels in order to evenly heat the radiator panels. Clark, col. 1, ln. 42-45. Thus, a stated objective of Clark is even heating. However, if the heating elements were sloped downward (as taught in Kim), this objective would be defeated, as there would be more heat at the lower panel.

### *Rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 12 over Hedenberg in view of Clark*

Using independent claim 12 as an example, this claim recites the upper heater being sloped downward towards a center of the oven. Present Fig. 3 illustrates this feature, as an example. In contrast, the upper heating element 20 of Hedenberg slopes away from a center thereof.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

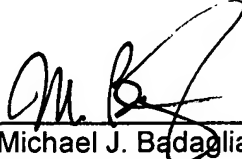
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Respectfully submitted,

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